



## **Beacon Federal Credit Union Annual Scholarship Award**

The Beacon Federal Credit Union College Scholarship Program was established in 2001. The Board of Directors has voted again this year to offer scholarships to selected graduating high school seniors who are members of this credit union. From the applications received this year, a committee appointed by the Board of Directors will select the winners of (3) \$2,000 scholarships, (1) \$1,000 James H. (Bull) Bounds scholarship, (1) \$1,000 scholarship in memory of Mr. Danny Silence and (1) \$1,000 Charles "Cliff" Walker.

### **Am I eligible to apply?**

Yes, if:

- **You open a new, or have an existing, Beacon Federal Credit Union Share Savings account with a \$5.00 minimum balance**
- You are a graduating high school senior in the 2025-2026 school year
- You are planning to attend an accredited two-year or four-year College, University, or Vocational/Technical school in the State of Texas

### **How do I apply?**

Complete the 2) page application and include all required attachments (essay, transcript).

Return the completed application to Beacon Federal Credit Union at the address below or drop it off at any of our locations no later than **5 pm, Friday, March 6, 2026.**

**Beacon Federal Credit Union Scholarships  
Attn: Scholarship Committee  
Beacon Federal Credit Union  
P.O. Box 1704  
La Porte, TX 77572-1704**

### **NOTICE**

**Incomplete applications (missing information, transcripts) will not be eligible for review. If necessary, you may attach additional pages to complete your application.**

If you have any additional questions or concerns, please contact Nora Arenivas at 281-471-1782 ext. 4702.



## **Beacon Federal Credit Union Scholarship Criteria**

The Beacon Federal Credit Union is offering college scholarships for the 2025-2026:

1. Applicants must be graduating high school seniors with a minimum of a 3.0 G.P.A., verified by an official transcript.
2. The applicant must be a member in good standing with Beacon Federal Credit Union.
3. The scholarships will be awarded to applicants who express intent to pursue a course of study that will allow him or her to earn an Associate's, Bachelor's Degree, or Vocational Certification.
4. The scholarship must be used for the purpose of study at an accredited College, University, or Vocational/Trade school in the State of Texas.
5. Areas of consideration for selection will include need, academic achievement, character, and leadership.
6. If selected as a finalist, the applicant may be required to participate in a personal interview.
7. A committee appointed by the Board of Directors of the credit union will determine the winners.
8. If any of the committee's choices do not accept the scholarships, alternate applicants will be selected.
9. The applicant must submit a **typed** 250-word essay entitled: How does the credit union philosophy, "People Helping People," apply to your life?
10. If selected, we will use your image (photo)

### **Please Note:**

The application, essay, and all other required paperwork must be submitted to Beacon Federal Credit Union by **5 pm on Friday, March 6, 2026.** Applications will then be reviewed, and essays will be judged.

**Applicant#** \_\_\_\_\_  
(Credit Union Use Only)



## Scholarship Student Application

**Application Information:** Type all required information. Only completed applications will be considered.

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Middle Initial: \_\_\_\_\_

Beacon FCU Member #: \_\_\_\_\_ Last 4 social security #: \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**Education Information** - *You must submit an official high school transcript.*

High School: \_\_\_\_\_

SAT Score: \_\_\_\_\_ ACT Score: \_\_\_\_\_ GPA: \_\_\_\_\_ Class Rank: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

Name of accredited post-secondary school you plan to attend: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ 2-Year Community College ☐ 4-Year College/University ☐ Vocational/Technical School

### Essay

Please Attach a **typed 250-word document**, double spaced, typed essay addressing the following question:

**How does the Credit Union philosophy, "People Helping People," apply to your life today, and what have you done to help others?**

*Please feel free to include examples of personal experiences.*

### Application Checklist

- ☐ Beacon Federal Member Number
- ☐ Application Form
- ☐ High School Transcript
- ☐ Essay
- ☐ Waiver of release of liability & photo consent form

### Signature

I, the applicant, certify that the information provided in this application is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

## Course of Study

Please describe the course of study/major you are planning to follow. (Please type your answer)

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## Goals

Share your long-range personal and career goals. (Please type your answer)

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Why is receiving this scholarship important to you? (Please type your answer)

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## Activities Information

List all activities (school and community) in which you have participated, listing any awards or honors received.  
(You may attach a separate sheet if necessary)

Activities/Awards/Honors

Positions Held

Yrs. Participated

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## Employment Information

List all jobs you have held, including employment dates. Describe job responsibilities and hours worked per week. If you did not work during high school, please state **not applicable**.

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# Waiver of release of liability and photo consent form

Name (print) \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

I, \_\_\_\_\_, (from now on referred as “Member” in this document) waive any claim of liability to Beacon Federal Credit Union, its employees, Board of Directors and any other of its representatives or consultants for any injuries obtained from participating in the activity and/or transportation to or from event. The minor and the parent/guardian are responsible for any injury or loss. Member will also give Beacon Federal Credit Union, his/her legal representatives and successors, as well as all persons or corporations, with his/her permission, unlimited permission to use, and/or publish, and/or copyright photographic portraits or pictures of me, and the negatives, prints, transparencies or digital information relevant to them, in which I may be included in whole or partly, or modified in form, or reproductions thereof, in color or otherwise, made through any media means in his/her studio or elsewhere for art or any other lawful purpose, in any format, still, single, multiple, moving or video. Hereby, I renounce any right that I may have to inspect and approve the finished product or copy that may be used in connection with an image that BFCU has taken of me, or the use to which it may be applied. Furthermore, I release the BFCU, its representatives, employees and others from any claims of pay associated with any form of damage, be it foreseen or unforeseen, related with the proper artistic or commercial use of these images, unless it can be proven beyond any doubt that mentioned reproduction was caused maliciously, or produced and published with the sole purpose of causing me to be subjected to scandal, ridicule, reproach, scorn and indignity. I acknowledge that the photography session took place in a completely correct and professional manner, and this release was signed willingly at its termination.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Witness Signature \_\_\_\_\_